

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH JANUARY 2006

WHEREAS, providing for the education of Michigan's school-aged children is a fundamental duty of state government, as stated in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

WHEREAS, locally-elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and

WHEREAS, the service of these committed men and women represents countless hours invested in deliberating important decisions about curriculum, budgets, personnel, and other matters that affect parents, students, teachers, and citizens throughout Michigan; and

WHEREAS, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21st Century knowledge economy, and ultimately affect 1.7 million Michigan children and more than \$11.5 billion in education investments; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are exceptional people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts and preserving the core of our democratic land, and display to the students they serve the high character of civic duty and responsibility that all citizens should engage; and

WHEREAS, School Board Member Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of men and women who champion the cause of public education as board members, their schools, and the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education declares January 2006 as Local School Board Member Recognition Month in Michigan, and encourages local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize our state's dedicated school board members.



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